

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

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1. A product information contrast system which contrasts a plurality of items of product information that contain specifications indicating properties of products, the product information contrast system comprising:

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a product information management unit managing the plurality of items of product information of the products including a criterion product;

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a judgment unit determining whether specifications in the product information items of the criterion product are different from specifications in the product information items of at least one of the products managed by the product information management unit; and

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a display control unit generating a visually recognizable display indication of differences in the specifications of the product information items based on results of the determination of the judgment unit.

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2. The product information contrast system according to claim 1 further comprising a selection unit selecting arbitrary one of the product information items of the products, managed by the product information management unit, as being one of the product information items of the criterion product.

3. The product information contrast system according to claim 1 wherein the display control unit is configured to generate a visually recognizable alarm display indication when the results of the determination of the judgment unit indicate that the specifications of the product information items of the criterion product are not included in the specifications of the product information items of said at least one of the products.

4. The product information contrast system according to claim 1 wherein the display control unit is configured to generate a visually recognizable alarm display indication when the results of the determination of the judgment unit indicate that any specifications other than the specifications of the product

information items of the criterion product are included in the product information items of said at least one of the products.

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5. The product information contrast system according to claim 1 further comprising a threshold setting unit setting a threshold value for the product information items of the criterion product, which is provided to determine whether the specifications of the product information items of the criterion products are related to a newly set property, an omitted property, or an out-of-range property when compared with the specifications of the product information items of the products,

15 the judgment unit configured to determine whether the specifications of the criteria product are different from the specifications of the products, based on the threshold value of the setting unit,

the display control unit configured to generate a visually recognizable alarm display indication of the newly set property, the omitted property, or the out-of-range property in the specifications of the product information items related to the criterion product, based on the results of the determination of the judgment unit.

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6. The product information contrast system according to claim 5 further comprising a display control information management unit managing display control information to control the alarm display indication based on an input threshold value and a predetermined range of the input threshold value,

the display control unit configured to generate the visually recognizable alarm display indication of the newly set property, the omitted property, or the out-of-range property, based on both the results of the determination of the judgment unit and the display control information managed by the display control information management unit.

7. A computer program product for controlling a computer having a product information management unit managing a plurality of items of product information containing specifications indicating properties of products including a criterion product, to perform:

determining whether specifications in the product information items of the criterion product are different from specifications in the product information items of at least one of the products managed by the product information management unit; and

generating a visually recognizable display indication of

differences in the specifications of the product information items  
based on results of the determination of the judgment unit.

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